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Thousands Around Fort Garry in Early Days-Birds Seen in Great Numbers and Then Seemed to Suddenly Disappear for All Time.

ONLY ONE WILD PIGEON HOME RULE FOR IRELAND CERTAIN TO COME NEXT YEAR, STATESMEN THINK

Bill Likely To Be Introduced in Parliament Next March -Details of the Plan Not Published.

Sixty years ago wild pigeons were plentiful all over America; today there is only one lone living wild pigeon in the world.

Thousands of the birds used to fly around old Fort Garry and the linhabitants feasted on them all summer. Mostly every family owned a pigeon net and catches of fifty or sixty at a time were common.

The net was a very inexpensive trap and quickly made. It was composed of four poles tweive feet long formed into a square, fastened at the corners with nails or more often with shaj-a-nippy, which is cords cut from

OSTRICHES STAND RIGORS OF PENNSYLVANIA WINTER

Traveller Imports 53 Birds and Expects to Produce 100,000 Birds Before Many Years-Feathers Bring as Great a Sum as \$50,000.

About three score ostriches on a reservation near Bloomsburg. Pa., are the forerunners of what, according to the predictions of the man responsible for their appearance there, will be one of the largest collections of these highly priced birds in this hemisphere. The story of the transportation to this country of this big bag of, ostriches begins with an experiment made a year ago by W. H. Hile, a traveller. Hile had long held the idea that the common belief that the ostrich could thrive only in a warm climate was a fallacy.

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So he determined to try cautiously the effect of the harsh climate of the east on a few selected ostriches. He went abroad and obtained the birds for his first experiment and established his farm at Bloomsburg, where the winters are unusually severe, this bieing in the mountainous district of Pennsylvania. No care was taken to keep the birds protected during the ensuing winter. They were turned loose on the snow and exposed to all the rigors of the bleak winds and zero weather that belonged to the place and season. It would have been a costly experiment had the birds died for ostriches are worth a lot of money, but none died.

Brings Over 53.

The next step after this triumph, was to augment the little troop at Bloomsburg with a substantial troop, and Hile has just done this by bringing over 53 additional ostriches of various figs.

One significant fact in connection with the importation of these birds is that this importation will end with the Bloomburg batch. All countries through which the ostriches have been transported are unanimous in putting restrictions on their removal, and no more birds can be brought out of the country unless they are smuggled out. In describing his experiences while collecting the birds Mr. Hile said:

"It started my actual hunt from Jibutt, or the east guilf of the coast of Somalliand, being the only white man in the party. I had with me 54 natives, and for four months we stayed in the interior getting out birds. The methods were exceedingly simple. We should also be strong that not even a jion built a big trap of twigs and brush, made so strong that not even a jion of things with apparent appetite."

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